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SANDERS NOMINATES SUSAN S. GONICK TO THE SAN DIEGO CITY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

SAN DIEGO – Mayor Jerry Sanders has appointed Susan S. Gonick for service on the San Diego City Employees Retirement System Board of Administration, subject to City Council confirmation.

Ms. Gonick retired in 2001 as a Founding Partner and Hiring Partner of the San Diego office of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP. In her years at the firm, she specialized in counseling and defending publicly-traded and private entities and their officers and directors in complex litigation, including securities, real estate and antitrust matters in state and federal courts.

Prior to her service at Heller Ehrman, Ms. Gonick was a Partner at Milberg Weiss Bershad & Lerach where she prosecuted securities class action and fraud cases. As a lawyer, Ms. Gonick has managed more than 200 complex matters, with a composite worth of several billion dollars, in various industries including high technology, real estate, financial services and accounting. Prior to practicing law, she was an executive in the real estate syndication, computer manufacturing and securities industries.

Ms. Gonick holds a J.D. from the University of San Diego and a B.A., cum laude, from Simmons College. She was a member of the State Bar of California from 1987 to 2006; Admitted to the US District Court, Southern, Central and Northern Districts of California; is a current member of the State Bar of Massachusetts; and held an NASD Series 7 License for twelve years.

In addition to her professional experience, Ms. Gonick has held commitments to numerous professional associations and civic organizations including: The USD School of Law Board of Visitors, Steering Committee and Curriculum Committee Chair; the Grants Committee of the San Diego Women's Foundation; as a member of the American Bar Association and as the Securities & Derivatives Litigation Subcommittee Co-Chair; the American Arbitration Association; Athena

Board of Directors/Advisors; and the California Women Lawyers Board of Directors. She is a resident of Council District 2 and resides, with her husband, in Downtown San Diego.

Ms. Gonick embodies the experience and subject matter expertise necessary to advance the mission and stability of the City of San Diego and of SDCERS.

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